



# How to Mark Instant Runoff Ballot

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## Instructions

- 1 Rank candidates in order of preference.
- 2 Mark your 1st choice in the 1st column, completely filling in the ☐ like this ☒. To indicate a 2nd choice, select a different candidate in the 2nd column. To indicate a 3rd choice, select a different candidate in the 3rd column, etc.
- 3 With a black ballpoint pen or marking device, completely fill in the ☐ like this ☒.
- 4 Do not skip rankings and make only *one choice per column*.
- 5 You may rank as few candidates as you wish or as many as are allowed.
- 6 You may write in a candidate by writing the name on the "Write in" line and filling in the ☐ like this ☒.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER: Fill In The Circle(s) To Mark Your Choice(s) ☒

**MAYOR: Only One Choice Per Column**

MAYOR	Vote 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Here	Vote 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Here	Vote 3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice Here	Vote 4 <sup>th</sup> Choice Here
Thomas Jefferson	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Benjamin Franklin	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
John Adams	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write in: _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

SAMPLE BALLOT  
TOWN OF TELLURIDE  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 8, 2011

## **INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING (IRV)**

IRV is a majoritarian voting method as over 50% of participating voters elect the winner. IRV simulates a series of runoff elections in a single election. Elections in Telluride, to date, have been plurality elections with the person receiving the highest number of votes elected.

## **TELLURIDE & IRV**

Telluride voters, in 2008, approved an initiated ordinance titled, "A Citizen Initiated Ordinance Calling For The Use Of Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) To Be Implemented For The Office Of Mayor," and directed the Town Clerk to implement instant runoff voting procedures for the election of Mayor for the next three Mayoral Elections.

The 2011 Telluride Municipal Election is the first year that this direction will be implemented as 1) it is our first Mayoral election since the passage of the ordinance and 2) there are more than two Mayoral candidates.

## **OTHER RESOURCES**

There is additional information available on the Telluride Municipal Election, including the Town of Telluride Instant Runoff Voting Manual, on our website at [www.telluride-co.gov/TownClerk/Elections](http://www.telluride-co.gov/TownClerk/Elections). Additional questions may be directed to the Town Clerk at [mjschillaci@telluride-co.gov](mailto:mjschillaci@telluride-co.gov) or by phone at 970.728.2157 or by fax at 970.728.2496 or in person at 135 West Columbia, Telluride.

